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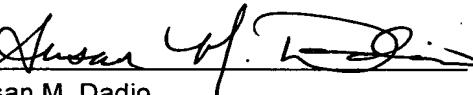
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Also enclosed is a copy of the International Search Report mailed on June 15, 2004 in connection with corresponding International Application No. PCT/JP2004/002975.

**U.S. Patent Document**

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2. TOKUMARU, Japanese Patent Publication No. 11-200959, published on July 27, 1999 (English language abstract – Patent Abstracts of Japan),
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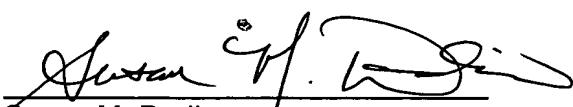
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